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In Re Continuation Application of:

Applicant : Constantine Tsikos et al.
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Honorable Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph on Page 1 as follows:

RELATED CASES

This is a Continuation of Application 09/781,665 filed February 12, 2001, which is a Continuation-in-Part of copending Application Serial No. 09/—, —, entitled "~~_Method Of And System For Producing Images Of Objects Using Planar Laser Illumination Beams And Image Detection Arrays~~" filed February 9, 2001 under 37 C.F.R. 1.10 (Express Mail No. EL701906489US); copending Application Serial No. 09/780,027 filed February 9, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/721,885 filed November 24, 2000; International Application PCT/US99/06505 filed March 24, 1999, published as WIPO WO 99/49411; International Application PCT/US99/28530 filed December 2, 1999, published as WIPO Publication WO 00/33239; International Application PCT/US00/15624 filed June 7, 2000, published as WIPO Publication WO 00/75856; copending Application Serial No. 09/452,976 filed December 2, 1999; Application Serial No. 09/327,756 filed June 7, 1999, which is a Continuation in Part of Application Serial No. 09/305,896 filed May 5, 1999, which is a Continuation in Part of copending Application No. 09/275,518 filed March 24, 1999, which is a

~~Continuation in Part of copending Application Nos.: 09/274,265 filed March 22, 1999; 09/243,078 filed February 2, 1999; 09/241,930 filed February 2, 1999; 09/157,778 filed September 21, 1998; 09/047,146 filed March 24, 1998, 08/949,915 filed October 14, 1997, now U.S. Letters Patent 6,158,659; 08/854,832 filed May 12, 1997, now U.S. Letters Patent 6,085,978; 08/886,806 filed April 22, 1997, now U.S. Letters Patent 5,984,185; 08/726,522 filed October 7, 1996, now U.S. Letters Patent 6,073,846; 08/573,949 filed December 18, 1995, now abandoned; each said application being commonly owned by Assignee, Metrologic Instruments, Inc., of Blackwood, New Jersey, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.~~